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To: State Directors

From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: National Awards:
Excellence in Ecosystem Management Through Fuels Treatment Projects Award
National Wildland Urban Interface Award

Two separate distinct major national award programs have been established to recognize individuals, offices, and groups or work units that have done significant work.

1. The Excellence in Ecosystem Management Through Fuels Treatment Projects Award will recognize a Bureau individual(s), groups or units that have substantially advanced a cooperative landscape level approach to ecosystem restoration through the use of appropriate treatments (mechanical, biological, prescribed fire and wildland fire use) to promote land health standards to restore healthy diverse ecological systems. Included are programs and projects that use local contractors. This award focuses on leadership in fuels treatment programs and projects. Within this award there are two categories - group and individual.

A group award of \$10,000 will be presented to a field office to recognize efforts that have made the fuels program successful.

An individual award of \$5,000 will be presented to a recipient for leadership and/or accomplishments in a project or program.

2. The National Wildland Urban Interface Award is designed to provide incentive and recognition for successful implementation of exceptional programs and projects in wildland-urban interface mitigation. Federal, state and local agencies, groups, and individuals have the tools to work together to reduce fire risks and damage by implementing proactive and community based projects.

The \$10,000 award will be presented to a field office unit/group for success in wildland-urban interface projects or programs.

An individual award of \$5,000 will be presented to a person showing exceptional leadership and/or accomplishments in a wildland-urban interface project or program.

Enclosed are two documents describing each award program, nomination procedure, and evaluation criteria.

Nominations must be submitted through a state office. Offices may submit more than one nomination. States need to have nominations to the Director, Office of Fire and Aviation, by November 15, 2002 in order to be considered. Each nomination should indicate whether it is for the "Unit/Group" or "Individual" award. The awards will be presented at the National Fire and Aviation Conference to an individual and/or the unit supervisor.

If you have any questions about the Excellence in Ecosystem Management Award, please contact Phil Range at 208-387-5555 or Roy Johnson at 208-387-5163. For questions about the Wildland Urban Interface Award, please contact Al Murphy at 208-387-5169.

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2 - Attachments

- 1 - National Award for Excellence in Ecosystem Management (3 pp.)
- 2 - National Wildland Urban Interface Award (3 pp.)

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